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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

REF: STATE 183525

1. WE HAVE RAISED POINTS IN REFTEL DIRECTLY WITH INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND COPYRIGHT DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI), WHICH IS UK AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR COPYRIGHT MATTERS. NEITHER DTI NOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE HAD RECEIVED ANY REPORTING FROM UK EMBASSY IN MANILA ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT DTI HAD OBTAINED COPY OF DECREE 285.

2. BRITISH ATTITUDE TOWARD PHILIPPINE DECREES IS INFLUENCED BY FACT THAT BRITISH PUBLISHERS DO NOT REGARD PHILIPPINES AS AN IMPORTANT MARKET TO THEM, BUT RATHER AS PRIMARILY A US MARKET. WHILE DTI RECOGNIZES FULLY THAT DECREES CONFLICT WITH BERNE CONVENTION AND FLORENCE AGREEMENT, THEY FEEL THAT DECREES CONTAIN SOME POSITIVE ASPECTS; I.E., PROVISIONS THAT THERE ARE TO BE STRICT EXPORT CONTROLS AND THAT SOME ROYALTIES ARE TO BE PAID. REAL QUESTION, DTI BELIEVES, IS WHAT PRACTICAL STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO PERSUADE PHILIPPINES TO WITHDRAW DECREE. DTI WOULD BE RELUCTANT SEE SUCH PRESSURE PUT ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOP THAT IT MIGHT WITHDRAW FROM CONVENTION ALTOGETHER,

SINCE, AS DTI OFFICIAL PUT IT, "THERE IS QUITE ENOUGH PIRATING OF BOOKS IN FAR EAST AS IT IS." BASIC FEELING IS THAT WHILE HMG HAS STRONG INTEREST IN THE PRINCIPLE INVOLVED, BRITISH FEEL THAT THERE ARE FEW PRACTICAL STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN, PARTICULARLY SINCE PUBLISHER PRESSURE IS LACKING.

3. DESPITE FOREGOING, DTI OFFICIALS AGREED THAT, IF THEY CAN FIND SPECIFIC CASE INVOLVING UK INTEREST, THEY MAY RAISE ISSUE WITH GOP. THEY ALSO ASSURED US THAT WHILE THEY WOULD NOT TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROTESTING TO GOP, THEY WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO UNDERCUT USG POSITION.

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